newspaper "The Hindu" dated 14th April, 2002 is actually regarding submission of the report to the National Commission on Labour by one of the Study Groups set up by the Commission, that is, the Study Group on "Skill Development, Training and Workers Education" and release of its recommendation. The Commission is yet to take a view on the report of this Study Group in framing its recommendations. The Commission is expected to submit its report to the Government by 15.06.2002

Strike Call by Central Trade Union

4594. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Central Trade Unions announced their resolve to observe strike on April 16, 2002 in protest against Government's "Anti-Workers" policies; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action to start talks with the representatives of the Union to avert such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Seven Central Trade Unions had announced their resolve to observe strike on April 16, 2002.

(b) The Chief Labour Commissioner's Office intervened in respect of the strike notices received by them and held conciliation proceedings with a view to avert the strike. However, the strike could not be averted as the unions stuck to their demands.

Summary termination of coal company workers

4595. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provison for summary termination of workers in some coal companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to abolish such an impugned order?